

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 13 and amend claims 2, 4 and 10-12.

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein the entire useful region (3) convexly tapers toward the workpiece end thereof.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein the useful region (3) has a number of axial grooves equal to $2n$, where n is a natural number.
5. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the useful region (3) has four axial grooves (4).
6. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 5, wherein the axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by an angle ~~of~~ between 75° and 105° .
7. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by an angle of 90° .

8. (Original). A point chisel according to Claim 4, wherein the useful region (3) has eight axial grooves (4).

9. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim 8, wherein the eight axial grooves (4) are offset relative to each other by angle ~~of~~ between 30° and 55°.

10. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein the cross-sectional surface (A') is reduced over 40-60% of the useful region (3), from a power tool end to the workpiece end by from 80% to 70%.

11. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein the outer diameter (H) of the useful region (3), together with the axial grooves (4) is greater than a diameter (5) of a remaining portion of the stem (1).

12. (Currently amended). A point chisel according to Claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein a cross-sectional surface (A', A'') remains same in the transitional region between the useful region (3) of the shank (2).

13. (Canceled).

14. (New). A point chisel for use with a power tool, comprising a power tool side formed as a shank (2) for securing the chisel to the power tool; and a workpiece side adjoining the power tool side and forming a useful region (3)

useful region (3) being provided at a workpiece end thereof with a chipping tip (3') and having a core along an entire longitudinal extent thereof, the useful region (3) having an outer diameter (H) tapering along a substantially entire axial extent thereof toward the workpiece end thereof and having a cross-section (5) formed as a concave polygon by a plurality of axial grooves (4) extending axially over substantially the entire longitudinal extent of the useful region and up to the chipping tip (3') and radially toward the core of the useful region, wherein a core diameter (K) likewise tapers toward the workpiece end of the useful region (3) along a substantially entire axial extent of the core, whereby cross-sectional surfaces of the cross-section (5) of the useful region are similar in different cross-sectional locations (I, II, III, IV, V) of the useful region.